(*b*) *Compound wall.*—As this is not an inescapable item of work judged from the present onditions this is proposed to be postponed for better times.

Play ground.—The matter is receiving consideration along with other cases of High Schools. In view of the fact that the proposal involves a capital outlay of not less than Rs. 15,000 and the fact that the school has been authorised to use the old Fish Curing Yard as play ground, this question will also have to wait for better times.

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

439. Mr V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthasan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if the Industries Department is still a growing department;

(*b*) if they have any intention of organising and developing rural industries as a post-war measure;

(*c*) if there is a dearth of officers with organising ability in the Department of Industries and Commerce in the State?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Schemes for organising and developing rural industries as a post-war measure on a Co-operative basis are being prepared to be placed before the Post-war Reconstruction Committee.

(*c*) There is no dearth of officers now.

DEATHS ON ACCOUNT OF MALARIA IN CERTAIN VILLAGES

440. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased te state.—

(*a*) the number of persons that died of malaria in the 1st five months of 1121 in the villages of Puthuruthi, Parlikad, Thekkumkara, Manalithara and Karamatta;

(*b*) what exactly is the nature of the work done by the Public Health Department to fight this scourge in these villages;

(*c*) what is the quantity of quinine distributed by the Public Health Department in these villages during this period and to how many patients?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*)

1. Puduruthi	..	nil.
2. Parlikad	..	6.
3. Thekkumkara	..	1.
4. Manalithara	..	nil.
5. Karamatta	..	nil.

(*b*) The sanitary Inspector, Vadakkanchery division and his staff are distributing quinacrine Hydrochlor pills in infected areas. A malaria survey was conducted in these places by the malariologist. It was found that the railway and P. W. D. burrow pits are the main sources of mosquito breeding. The railway authorities and the P. W. D. have been appraised of these circumstances and they have been advised to cover the burrow pits as early as possible. In the meanwhile, arrangements have been made to treat the breeding places with 'malariol B' as a temporary measure.

(*c*) 3,000 quinacrine Hydrochlor pills have been distributed to 223 patients.

PUBLIC LATRINE—VIYYUR

441. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government please say.—

(*a*) whether there is any public latrines in Viyyur in Trichur Taluk?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

FRANCHISE COMMITTEE—CONSTITUTION OF

442. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have seen the report and the leaderette in the "Mathrubhumi" dated 16th January 1946 on the constitution of the Franchise Committee in Cochin;

(*b*) whether they have also seen the leading articles in the Newspapers, "Malabar Mail" and "Deepam" on the New Franchise Committee;

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(c) how many of the members of the Franchise Committee are Government Officers and how many are retired officers;

(d) whether they had any special reason for having so many retired officials in the committee;

(e) what the terms of reference are of the committee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Two of them are Government Officers and three are retired officers.

(d) It was because they were undoubtedly some of the most competent persons for this job that they were selected.

(e) The terms of reference were published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 6th Makaram 1121 (19th January 1946).

FRANCHISE COMMITTEE

443. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how much time was taken by the last Franchise Committee to do their work and submit report;

(b) how much time did Government take to pass order on the Franchise Committee's report;

(c) when does Government propose to appoint the next Franchise Committee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(a) Three months and three days.

(b) 21 days.

(c) The Committee was appointed on 12th January 1946.

FRANCHISE COMMITTEE

444. Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

is there any particular reason why women representatives are totally excluded in the important Committee on Franchise?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government)*

Government are sure that even without a woman on the Committee the interests of women in this matter will not suffer. Therefore a lady was not specially nominated to the body.

VERUMPATTAMDARS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

445. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

what is the date on which the Bill to amend the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act entitling the defaulting tenant to deposit the suit arrears etc, and get the condonation of the forfeiture incurred was passed by the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

On 29th November 1945/14th Vrischigam 1121.

ELECTION TRIBUNALS—FINDING OF

446. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):*

Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) has the election tribunal pronounced their finding in the Election Court regarding the election petitions in the Nellayi, Trichur-Women and Mattancheri (Muslim) Constituencies and if so on which date;

(b) has the tribunal submitted its report regarding the petitions in (a) to Government, if so on which date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(a) It apears that the Commissioners mentioned in court on the 5th Dhanu 1121 (20th December 1945) their conclusions in the above three cases.

(b) They submitted their reports on 20th December 1945 and orders thereon have already been issued by Government.

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